

The Stow Housing Authority continues as the monitoring agent for the affordable housing units built at the Villages at Stow as well as the LIP (local initiative program) located at Elm Ridge.

Respectfully Submitted,

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Department Description

The Information Technology Department serves other Town departments through a series of services that includes integrating computer systems, coordinating and providing training, negotiating and managing information technology-related contracts, and technology assistance and support. This includes, but is not limited to, all IT related upgrades, migrations or integrations, as well as responsibility for planning the future IT infrastructure.

The department creates the technological environment that enables Town employees to quickly access vital information using the most efficient and cost effective system hardware and software. The department provides leadership as an active partner in the Departmental telecommunications and data-sharing network.

Mission

The Information Technology Department assists Town departments in responding to the needs of the citizens by enabling Town employees to quickly access vital information. We are dedicated to providing quality service through teamwork, partnerships, and developing team and individual strengths.

Outcomes

- Provide quality, cost effective telecommunication services to all Town departments.
- Provide and maintain effective business applications, which help us maintain our information to meet residents' needs.
- Provide and maintain a secure, reliable, and effective Information Technology Infrastructure.
- Increase public access to information and Town services through the Internet.
- Provide project management of Information Technology solutions that are being deployed at any time within the municipal departments.
- Responsible for the strategic planning and implementation of all computer, data networking and telecommunications systems.

Commendations

I am proud to report that the town received the 2010 e-government award from the Massachusetts Common Cause and recognition of our commitment to transparency from the House of Representatives.

Thanks

The Information Technology Department extends a special thanks to our volunteers, Paul Yannoni and Robert Mong for their enormous contributions. With their ongoing efforts in helping to maintain our infrastructure, they have helped in keeping the IT repair and service costs at a minimum.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Tobey, Information Technology Director

LAKE BOON COMMISSION

The Lake Boon Commission (LBC) is made up of three people appointed by the Selectmen of Hudson and Stow. There are two members from Stow and one from Hudson, reflecting the area of the lake in each town. Current serving members are Lee Heron from Stow, Cindy Curley from Stow and Conray Wharff from Hudson (Chair). The LBC holds meetings at the Stow Town Building about once a month. The meetings are public; everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Meeting notices are posted at both Town Halls at least 48 hours before the meetings.

Lake Boon is such a wonderful secret that we all share; how often do friends come over and remark that they never knew there was such a nice lake so close to home and work. I feel we are all very fortunate to live here as one community. You do not have to live on the lake to get on the lake. Beach passes are available at the Stow town building for the Stow beach and there is a public boat ramp on Sudbury Road.

Our single community has many interests and views about how to enjoy our lake. Some like to sail, swim, fish or boat, others are happy just being by the water. All these interests share a love of the lake but not always a love of the other person's point of view. One of the biggest challenges we face is how the best manage our lake for everyone's enjoyment.

This is where we need your help; everyone needs to understand that we all share the lake and needs to be tolerant of the other guy. Everyone needs to know and follow the rules of the lake. Motorboats have to watch their wakes and be aware of swimmers; swimmers need to understand that they are hard to see from boats when they are in the middle of the lake under a glaring sun.

Jet skiers have a particularly difficult problem; the lake is so small that is very difficult to always be 150 feet from shore or another boat. Many lakes have banned jet skis just because they do not honor the rules. Motorboats have to be aware of their wakes and stay at least 75 feet from shore and other boats.

We need to do not just what the rules require, we need to use our common sense to do "the right thing".